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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 as indicated below.

A complete listing of all claims is presented below with insertions underlined (e.g., insertion), and deletions struckthrough or in double brackets (e.g., ~~deletion~~ or [[deletion]]):

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a menu representing a viewing sequence of display contents during a viewer's viewing session, comprising:

recording first video data associated with a first plurality of display contents using a preference engine to select the display content;

selectively recording second video data associated with a second plurality of display contents upon a viewer selecting the display content;

defining a viewing session;

defining a third plurality of display contents based upon available broadcast display contents during the viewing session and selected based upon the preference engine; and

displaying a menu screen of viewing choices, wherein the menu screen comprises at least one of the first plurality of display contents, at least one of the second plurality of display contents and at least one of the third plurality of display contents.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the viewing session has a duration of about four hours.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the viewing session is defined as having a predetermined length upon activation of a video system.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving viewer input to select from the menu of viewing choices of one or more display contents for the viewing session to define a viewing sequence for display on a display.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising automatically changing channels during the viewing session, wherein the channels provide the broadcast display contents.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, further comprising analyzing the viewing sequence for conflicts caused by display contents that at least partially overlap.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 6, further comprising allowing viewer intervention in case of unresolvable conflicts.

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8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 4, further comprising analyzing the viewing sequence for time gaps and filling the time gaps with display content using the preference engine to select the display content.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining whether a local source for video display content is connected.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 9, further comprising scanning the local source to obtain content information.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, further comprising adding the content information as a fourth plurality to the menu of viewing choices.

12. (Currently Amended) A video system, comprising:

an input port configured to receive display contents including a plurality of broadcast display contents;

an output port configured to couple to a video display;

a preference engine coupled to the input port, the preference engine configured to track viewer selections of the broadcast display contents and to create a viewer profile;

a storage device coupled to the input port, the output port and the preference engine, the storage device configured to record first video data associated with a first plurality of display contents according to the viewer profile and to record second video data associated with a second plurality of display contents upon a viewer selecting the display content; and

a management module coupled to the preference engine and the storage device, the management module configured to define a third plurality of display contents based upon the available broadcast display contents for a viewing session and based upon the viewer profile, to create a menu screen of viewing choices comprising at least one of the first plurality of display contents, at least one of the second plurality of display contents and at least one of the third plurality of display contents, the menu screen being displayable on the video display from which a viewer can select a sequence of display contents for the viewing session.

13. (Previously Presented) The video system of Claim 12, further comprising a set-top box coupled to the input port and configured to receive display contents.

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14. (Previously Presented) The video system of Claim 13, wherein the preference engine, the management module and the storage device are included in a video control device providing for a functionality of a personal video recorder.

15. (Previously Presented) The video system of Claim 12, further comprising a local source for display content in communication with the preference engine and the management module, wherein the management module is configured to scan the local source to obtain content information.

16. (Previously Presented) The video system of Claim 12, wherein the management module is configured to initiate automatic channel changes.